

Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine

Resolution

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To thank the Medical Library Association for its efforts to improve access to high quality information for health professionals, researchers, and the public and for its unfailing support of the National Library of Medicine on the occasion of the Library's 175th Anniversary.

Whereas, the Medical Library Association, with more than 4,000 institutional and individual members, has long been committed to educating health information professionals, supporting health information research, promoting access to the world's health sciences information and working to ensure that the best health information is available to all;

Whereas, the Medical Library Association fosters excellence in professional achievement, leadership, and significant roles for information professionals in improving health care, biomedical research, health professions education, public health, and disaster preparedness and response;

Whereas, these information professionals extend the National Library of Medicine's reach through their expert use of the Library's services and programs and their skill in training health professionals, researchers, and the public to access these services;

Whereas, Medical Library Association members' outreach to local communities creates a bridge between the National Library of Medicine, individual health professionals and the public;

Whereas, Medical Library Association members have steadfastly supported the Library's budget, programs, building and space needs and other policy matters through Congressional testimony and visits to Congressional offices;

Whereas, the Medical Library Association annual meetings and chapter meetings provide important forums for National Library of Medicine and National Network of Libraries of Medicine staff to update members on topics of great importance and to hear members' views and concerns: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine commends the Medical Library Association for serving as a vital partner in improving health and health care, a leader in the application of technology to health information services, and a strong advocate for the National Library of Medicine and the public's access to high quality health information. The Board looks forward to continued close cooperation between the National Library of Medicine and the Medical Library Association to fuel innovations and achievements in delivering the best health information when and where it is needed.

Honorable Bruce R. James
Chair